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1. THE FIGURES PROVIDED HERE ON THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE, WE ARE CONFIDENT, OF THE CORRECT ORDER OF MAGNITUDE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN A DEGREE OF ESTIMATION ON OUR PART. ALL FIGURES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY ROUNDED.

A) TOTAL AMERICANS IN SAUDI ARABIA: 16,000

B) TOTAL USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS: 1,000

C) TOTAL NON-USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS: 15,000

D) TOTAL OF NON-USG US CITIZENS EMPLOYED IN DEFENSE-RELATED PURPOSES: 900

E) TOTAL DEPENDENTS OF NON-USG US CITIZENS EMPLOYED IN DEFENSE-RELATED PURPOSES: 2,250

F) TOTAL NON-USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS IN DEFENSE-RELATED PURPOSES (D PLUS E): 3,150

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2. WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE WILL BE A TWENTY PERCENT INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN ALL CATEGORIES IN SAUDI A YEAR FROM
NOW. IN SOME CATEGORIES THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE COULD BE CONSIDERABL
Y
HIGHER. THOUGH WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY, IF CERTAIN JOINT ECONOMIC
COMMISSION ACTIVITIES WERE TO GET UNDER WAY, FOR INSTANCE, THE
NUMBER OF NON-DOD USG EMPLOYEES IN THE KINGDOM COULD DOUBLE IN THE
NEXT YEAR.
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